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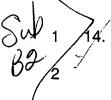
A computer mouse comprising:

- a base member having hold regions;
- a top member pivetally coupled to said base member, said top member having a
- 4 main surface configured to leave said hold regions substantially exposed;
- 5 wherein said top member forms an integral housing and button.
 - 2. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said top member does not include a separate button.
 - 3. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions allow said top member to be maintained in a clicked position when the computer mouse is removed from a surface.
 - 4. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions are substantially flush with said main surface of said top member.
- 1 5. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions comprise first and
- 2 second vertically extending tabs.
- 1 6. The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said first and second vertically
- 2 extending tabs are integrally formed with said base member.

- The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said top member comprises first and second openings shaped to accommodate said first and second vertically extending tabs, respectively.
- 1 8. The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said first and second vertically extending tabs are located on opposite sides of said base member.
- 1 9. A computer mouse comprising:
- 2 a first side ear;
 - a second side ear;

wherein said first and second side ears are concurrently graspable to lift the computer mouse while maintaining a button of the computer mouse in a depressed position, wherein said button is a top housing of the computer mouse.

- 10. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears are substantially rigid.
- 1 11. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears are
- 2 capable of accommodating a user's thumb and one of a user's other fingers,
- 3 respectively.
- 1 12. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears extend
- 2 from a base.
- 1 13. The computer mouse of claim 12, wherein said first and second side ears are
- 2 located on opposite sides of said base.



-A computer mouse comprising:

- a base having a first fixed portion and a second fixed portion;
- a depressable housing coupled to said base such that said base is covered by
- 4 said housing;
- 5 wherein said first and second fixed portions are accessible through said
- 6 depressable housing when said depressable housing is depressed.
 - 15. The computer mouse of claim 14, wherein not all of said depressable housing is depressable.
 - 16. The computer mouse of claim 14, wherein said first and second fixed portions and said depressable housing are capable of being held concurrently to lift the computer mouse off a surface.

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